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A Man Who Can Lay Aside All Prejudices Is as Rare as a Thaw In the Winter of 1920. A Woman Who Can Do It Is Yet To Be

WILL APPROVE NO SWAPPING OF TERRITORY

Wilson Agrees to Adriatic Settlement with Reservations

FREE STATE FOR FIUME

President Willing to Leave Determination of Boundaries to People Concerned

Washington, March 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—President Wilson accepts with reservations the proposal of the British and French premiers that Italy and Jugo-Slavia undertake a settlement of the Adriatic question. He says if Italy and Jugo-Slavia prefer to abandon the so-called buffer state containing an overwhelming majority of Jugo-Slavs and desire to limit the proposed free state to the corpus separatum of Fiume, placing the sovereignty in the hands of nations with out either Italian or Jugo-Slav control, the United States is willing to leave the determination of the common frontier to Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

The President says he cannot "possibly join" in the premiers' suggestion on that the memorandum settlement of December 9 be withdrawn; declares that "Albanian questions should not be included in the proposed joint discussions," and reiterates that the United States cannot approve of the execution of the terms of the Treaty of London.

Finally he expresses "the earnest hope that the allied governments will not find it necessary to decide on a course which the American government in accordance with its reiterated statement will be unable to follow."

The President's note to the premiers was dispatched Thursday and is now being considered by the allied supreme council, at London. Meanwhile, direct negotiations between Jugo-Slavia and Italy are proceeding.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR IS IN FIELD

Frank W. Agan of Ludlow Sends Word That He Will Enter the Contest.

Ludlow, March 8.—Editor J. W. Sault of the Ludlow Tribune is in receipt of a telegram from Frank W. Agan of this town that he is a candidate for governor.

Mr. Agan is now in California but will immediately start home and will announce his platform on his arrival at Ludlow. He is a candidate for lieutenant governor on the ticket with Clement in 1922. He has been a successful manufacturer but sold out his business last year.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight and warmer. Tuesday local snows. Variable winds.

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PONTONED AUCTION.
On his premises at Breese Hollow on Wednesday, March 24, at noon, Charles A. Breese will hold a big auction sale of twenty high-class horses; 15 head of cattle, besides cows, sheep, tractor engine, harness, wagons, utensils, etc. A team will meet all trains at Peterborough Junction. J. R. Barker will be auctioneer.

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WOMEN LIKELY TO VOTE DURING 1920 CAMPAIGN

Delaware Leg. Will Be Held in Special Session

RATIFICATION PROBABLE

Washington Is Certain and If Delaware Is Secured but One State Will Be Necessary

Wilmington, Del., March 8.—Governor Townsend Saturday issued a proclamation calling the Delaware Legislature in special session on March 22. The object specified by the Governor in the proclamation are:

Action on the equal suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution, legislation to avoid an undue increase in the school taxes, and an appropriation for the new bridge across the Brandywine River at Wilmington.

Washington, March 8.—The prediction that the Federal amendment granting nationwide woman suffrage would be ratified by thirty-six States in time to permit the women to participate in the national elections was made tonight by the National Woman's Party following the receipt of the news that Governor Townsend of Delaware had called a special session of the Legislature for March 22.

The suffrage workers have now obtained ratification by thirty-three States. They are apparently certain of obtaining ratification in Washington State, where the Legislature will meet also on March 22. With Delaware and Washington State in line, they will need but one more affirmative vote.

They have not given up hope in West Virginia, where another test vote may be taken today. Two other Republican States, Connecticut and Vermont also are to be heard from.

Governor Townsend has announced before issuing the call that he would not call a special session until a majority of the Legislature were favorable to suffrage ratification. His action is, therefore, interpreted to mean that Delaware will ratify as soon as its Legislature meets.

If West Virginia ratifies, success in Delaware and Washington would give suffragists the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth states. Final victory for the amendment cannot be assured, however, until a decision on the Ohio referendum case is handed down by the United States Supreme Court. This case is to be argued during March.

The women lay claim to the leaders of both great political parties in Delaware, among them Coleman Du Pont, Republican National Committeeman; Senator Ball and Congressman Layton.

The Democratic State Committee has gone on record as endorsing suffrage and both Democratic and Republican Committee Chairmen have argued favorable action.

The calling of special sessions in Delaware and in Washington by Republican Governors," said Miss Mabel Vernon, Secretary of the National Woman's Party, "is an indication that the Republican Party realizes its responsibility for the success or defeat of ratification. It is now up to that party to see that the Republican Legislatures of West Virginia, Delaware and Washington do actually ratify."

HOTEL CHAMBERLIN BURNED

Famous Resort Hotel at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Old Point Comfort, Va., March 7.—The Chamberlin hotel, a tourist resort, erected by permission of Congress on the government reservation at Fortress Monroe, was destroyed late today by fire that started in a room on the ground floor.

It was impossible tonight for the police to ascertain definitely whether there had been loss of life. A fireman reported that he was directing a stream of water into an upper window and heard screams from within.

Another fireman said he saw an elderly man and woman appear at a window which was almost instantly obscured by smoke and that he did not see them again.

In the confusion and sudden alarm the hotel register was either forgotten or burned or was locked in the hotel safe.

Army officers at the fort and the hotel management declared that so far as they had been able to ascertain there was no loss of life. There were about 200 guests at the Chamberlin which had in all 270 employees, not all of whom, however, were at work when the fire started.

KENTUCKY APPEALS FILED
U. S. Supreme Court Gets Brief Attacking Amendment.
Washington, March 8.—The prohibition amendment and portions of the enforcement act were attacked as unconstitutional in a brief filed in the Supreme Court Saturday by the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company in appeals from Federal Court decrees holding the acts valid. The case will be argued today along with the Rhode Island and other cases.

HON. F. H. BABBITT TAKES WET SIDE IN HIS PLATFORM

Says Citizens Have Right to Vote on Constitution Changes

DISLIKES VOLSTEAD LAW

Candidate's Platform Strong on Road Issue and Urges Many Things of State Value

Bellevue Falls, March 8.—Hon. Frederick H. Babbitt candidate for governor has today issued his campaign platform. The introductory statement and platform are as follows:

"In presenting a platform on which to make a campaign for office one must first of all be frank, and to be frank one must be sincere. The following paragraphs represent my sincere conviction on a number of issues which seem to me to be vitally important to the state welfare."

"They may be said to constitute the framework of the legislative and administrative structure I should like to assist in building as governor of Vermont."

"It is too much to expect that all of them will meet with unanimous approval but they at least have the merit of reflecting, as accurately as I have been able to make them, my judgment, regardless of political considerations of popular appeal or of anything, in short, but Vermont's best interests."

1. Administrative management of the business interests of the state on business principles, the utmost economy possible in all state appropriations and expenditures consistent with a program of progress.

2. An intensive effort not only toward agricultural developments but also for real awakening to our great industrial possibilities apparent now as never before because of conditions in the business world. Agricultural development and industrial development in Vermont should go hand in hand and are essential to each other.

3. Continued improvement and further development of our highway policy, giving all sections of the state fair and impartial recognition; the fullest possible co-operation with the good roads plan of the federal government and the extension of our state patrol system to the end that the smaller towns, to whom this maintenance is a hardship, may be relieved of expense of maintenance of the trunk line highways and be free to use their share of the state highway funds in the maintenance and improvement of the so called town roads so essential.

4. A square deal for everybody without distinctions and the sane and progressive enlargement of the scope of the state board of arbitration in order that it can be a means of real help in the peaceful and economic solution of conditions between employer and employee.

5. Such attention to the rural sections of our state—the rural schools, the small town problems—that under some equitable plan the state can take over and maintain towns unable to maintain their schools and highways should the town so elect and without depriving them of representation.

6. A liberal and constructive policy toward all our schools and educational institutions and increased salaries for our teachers.

7. Such attention to our tax and banking laws as will make it possible to borrow money at a low interest rate and tax exempt for the purchase of farms, farm machinery and homes as well as the establishment of industrial enterprise within our borders, making it attractive and possible for our youth to remain in Vermont.

8. A full and just recognition of the services of our returned soldiers, preferment where and when the state will be benefited, the helping hand of the state extended to them always and the disabled soldier receiving first consideration.

9. The approval and strengthening of such state commissions as have proved their worth by the aid of service and the elimination of some commissions which time has shown we do not need.

10. Recognition of the fact that the Shepard prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution is the supreme law of the land, but that the Volstead act enacted by congress is too radical and drastic and unnecessary hard in the means it uses to enforce it. It is my firm conviction many times expressed that changes in the constitution should be made by the voice of all the people under a referendum.

Frederick H. Babbitt.

ILLINOIS FOR LOWDEN

Governor Endorsed at Meeting of Republican Committee

Chicago, March 8.—Gov. Lowden was endorsed unanimously for the Presidential Saturday afternoon when the Republican State Central Committee met to issue the call for the party's State convention.

GEORGE W. KNAPP DEAD

Wellknown Woodford Resident Died Saturday Evening.

George W. Knapp, aged 84 years, a wellknown resident of Woodford died Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. He had been in poor health and in a feeble condition for the past year.

Mr. Knapp was born in Swanton, this state, but had been a resident of Woodford since about twelve years of age. When a young man he engaged in the lumber business which he followed until a few years ago when failing health necessitated his retirement from active life. He was a man well liked in the community, a highly respected citizen and town representative in 1884. He was always interested in public affairs and had held nearly all town offices.

Surviving beside his wife are two daughters and two sons, Mrs. James Higgins of Woodford, Mrs. Bessie Wood of Bennington, William S. Knapp of Stamford and George I. Knapp of Woodford.

The funeral will be held from his late home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Perry will officiate. The interment will be in the Woodford city cemetery.

AN ATLANTIS OF THE NORTH

Story of Disaster That Overtook the Town of Bennington

The modern world has its catastrophes no less tragic than those of earlier days. The traveler rears his weary frame upon a mass of ruins at Pompeii and muses upon the ruin set before him, shudders perhaps as he thinks of that mass of lava, fire and ashes which swept down upon that ancient city and buried everything beneath them, buried them to remain hidden and unseen for many years until the energy of modern science should disclose this old tragedy to a wondering world.

Or perhaps the traveler wanders among the ruins of Carthage or watches the excavations at Babylon or contemplates the ruined Roman forums and amphitheatres of the continent and England. The powers of destruction of those other days, however, he thinks of Atlantis, lost beneath the waves forever, of the buried cities of Yucatan, of the dead cities of the Aztecs and the Incas, of towns destroyed by flood, earthquake and fire; and then for consolation he thinks upon the well-ordered days of his own time, of the conveniences and accommodations, of the miracles of present day science and invention, of the trains and the theatres, the tunnels and subways, the comfortable houses, and he congratulates himself and his contemporaries that the Powers of Nature have been overcome.

But alas he deceives himself, for in spite of science, invention and organization, Nature changes not; her way is still supreme. The tranquil thoughts of the traveler would be disturbed but he recall amid those scenes of other days, the pitiful story of the town of Bennington, which so long touched the heart of a sympathetic world.

In the summer of 1919 this prosperous little town had no more premonition of its fate than lost Atlantis or buried Pompeii. Its people went to and from their daily tasks with the light optimism of the average American of those days. The sun shone, the birds sang, the factory wheels made mistakes, the harvesters talked, the gossips buzzed, the Banner, the lawyers lied, everything was normal. If the unrelenting future has assigned this town to its fate, no shadow from it fell across the streets. No intimation was given it, no opportunity to avoid the impending stroke.

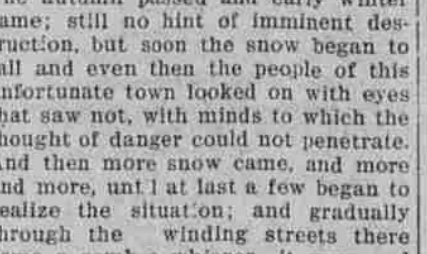
Sodom and Gomorrah had their chance and could have escaped destruction had they been able to produce a required number of virtuous citizens, but no such mercy was shown to little Bennington, always famous for its many virtuous men. It went on without warning, innocent and unsuspecting.

In the autumn of 1919 there was still no thought of impending evil; like Pompeii and Atlantis, and Lisbon before the earthquake, all was serene. The autumn passed and early winter came; still no hint of imminent destruction, but soon the snow began to fall and even then the people of this unfortunate town looked on with eyes that saw not, with minds to which the thought of danger could not penetrate. And then more snow came, and more and more, until at last a few began to realize the situation, and gradually through the winding streets there came a sullen whisper that grew and grew, as the cloud of smoke above Aetna grew ages ago. "We must get away before it is too late," that was the whisper that grew to a shout and then to a tumult.

Then came the wild dash for safety, but it was too late; they had waited too long and too long had passed unheeded the portents from the skies, even as the citizens of Herculaneum had watched unmoved the pillar of fire above them. Then those in the doomed town sank into despair, but occasionally stark panic seized upon one of them or a group of them and there followed a mad dash against the walls of snow that surrounded them, a mad effort from which they fell back exhausted, as Morrowlie Jude fell back into the crater of the Dead that did not die. Efforts at rescue were made but without avail. A special session of the Vermont Assembly was agitated that relief might be supplied, but the Governor refused to call a special session because it conflicted

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Commissioners' Notice

The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington, Commissioners, to receive, examine, and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estates of Amelia Cass and Adelaide Baker late of Bennington in said District, deceased, and all claims exhibited in said District, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purposes aforesaid, at the late residence of said deceased persons in the Town of Bennington in said District on the 4th day of September, next, from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m. on said day and thereafter on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1923 in the time limited by said Court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington this 8th day of March, A. D. 1923.
Joseph T. Waller,
Robert E. Phibbs,
Commissioners.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

ALLIES BELIEVED TO HAVE OCCUPIED CONSTANTINOPLE

Confirmation of Rumored Action Momentarily Expected

HAS BECOME INEVITABLE

Activity of Mustapha Kemal Pasha, Turkish Nationalist Leader, Forces Hand of Entente

London, March 8.—While definite news of the allied occupancy of the city of Constantinople is still awaited and is expected at any minute, it is stated in some quarters that operations looking toward that end have become inevitable owing to information that Mustapha Kemal Pasha, the Turkish nationalist leader, is strengthening his forces in Asia Minor.

Information has also been received that the Turks are concentrating in eastern Thrace in contravention of the terms of the armistice.

Lloyd George announced today that prompt measures would be taken by the French in sending reinforcements to General Gouraud to enable him to prevent further attacks on Armenians.

PROBATE BUSINESS

List of Transactions for the Week Ending March 6

Following is a list of transactions at the Bennington probate office for the week ending March 6:

Estate of Henry W. Marsh—Will presented. Date of hearing March 9.

Estate of Peter Bowen—John P. Mulligan appointed special administrator.

Estate of Rollin H. Howard—Nancy J. Howard of Pownal appointed administrator.

Estate of Newton C. Mason—Pearle F. Mason of North Adams, appointed administrator.

Estate of James Nevils—License to sell real estate issued to A. E. Hollister, administrator. Inventory filed, Account filed and allowed.

Estate of Sarah A. Lambert—Ernest L. Lambert appointed administrator. H. B. Hutchins and Norman E. Greenslet appointed Commrs. and Apprs.

Estate of Eli Tiffany—Charles S. Beach appointed administrator.

Estate of Henry F. Lyons—Florence E. Lyons appointed administrator. S. A. Bart and Charles A. Carpenter, Commrs. and Appraisers.

Estate of Anthony Carr—Commissioners reported filed.

Estate of Frank A. Thompson—Inventory filed.

Estate of George H. Bronson—Maudie M. Bronson appointed administrator. Harlow A. Bottum and L. N. Harrington appointed Commrs. and Apprs.

Estate of W. O. Burt—Harriet P. Burt appointed administrator.

NORTH BENNINGTON

Tonight, Earl Williams in "The Black Gate." This is one of the most successful of recent Vitaphone releases and gives ample opportunity for the display of the undoubted dramatic ability of this popular star. With this big feature, you have episode Four of the intense serial "The Invisible Hand." Adv.

SPIDER KELLEY IN TEN-ROUND "GO" WITH KID KANSAS

There is increasing interest among the Bennington fans in the boxing exhibition to be held at Union hall this evening. The main bout is to be a ten-round affair between Spider Kelley, the local flyweight, and Kid Kansas, the fast and shifty boy from Troy, Kansas. The popular decision when he appeared here recently with the Spider but claimed that he was in condition and has been seeking another opportunity to show that he is as good as the Bennington boy. Kansas stipulated that the second meeting should go the longer route of ten rounds and he has been accommodated in this respect.

Soldier Gibbons of Bennington will meet Young Graham of Albany in the semi-final. The boys are reported to be evenly matched as to weight and the soldier will have an opportunity to show what he can do when pitted against an opponent of his own weight.

Kid Ames, the husky lad from North Adams, appears in the preliminary with Young Davis of Albany.

VILLA HOLDING AMERICAN FOR \$50,000 RANSOM

Joseph Williams Made Prisoner By Bandit Chief

RAIDS PASSENGER TRAIN

Of 19 Dead Majority Were Put to Death with Bullets from Villa's Pistol

El Paso, Tex., March 8.—Joseph Williams, an American employee of the American Smelting and Mining company at Pedric, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa and is being held for \$50,000 ransom, according to a passenger from southern Chihuahua who arrived at Juarez today.

Williams served in the world war and is still suffering from the effects of German gas. With M. Nasar, an Arabian merchant, he was made a prisoner when Villa made an attack on a northbound train over the Mexico city Juarez line last Thursday near Corralitos.

In the fight one of the bandits and 19 of the train guard were killed and the remaining fifty defenders were either wounded or driven into the desert.

The train conductor and the sleeping car conductor are among the dead most of whom were killed by shots from Villa's pistol, it is said.

SUNDAY MORNING FIRE

Building and Stock at Truman Mattison's Store Damaged.

Fire, which is believed to have caught from the stove, caused considerable damage at the store of Truman Mattison on East Main street Sunday forenoon.

The building is a long narrow structure and the middle portion of it was burned out.

The building is owned by Nelson Mattison and has been used by his son Truman for a general store.

E. A. Booth carried insurance of \$600 on the building and Charles N. Powers had about \$800 on the stock.

WEST INDIES NOT FOR SALE

Great Britain Will Dispose of None of Her Possessions.

London, March 8.—Premier Lloyd George, replying to a question in the house of commons regarding a suggestion that West India islands be transferred to the United States in part payment of the British debt to that country, stated that Great Britain had not the slightest intention of bartering or selling any part of the West Indies.

BABY COULD NOT SLEEP SHE COUGHED SO ALL NIGHT

Mother Thanks Father John's Medicine For Good Health It Has Given to Her Children.



BOXING TONIGHT

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TOUCHES OLD PROFITS

Provision of Income Tax Law Upheld by Supreme Court

Washington, March 8.—The provision of the income tax act of 1916 taxing as income stock dividends declared by corporations out of earnings and profits accruing subsequent to March 1, 1913, was held constitutional in a decision of the supreme court handed down today.